



LAWRENCE BLOCK.

F. BLANCHARD & CO.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Hardware, Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Goods, 35 Main Street. F. Blanchard and O. G. Harris. This business was first established in 1875 by Mr. Blanchard and was controlled by him alone until 1888, when Mr. Harris, who had been a trusted employee for several years, was taken into partnership. Their trade extends throughout the county and also to many points in the northern part of the state. Mr. Blanchard was born in Hartland, Vt., in 1831, and came to Montpelier in 1868, residing here ever since. Besides having made a success in business he has been selected for municipal honors by his fellow citizens. He was chosen alderman in the year 1888-9 and has been for ten of a dozen years a member of the school board. He is part owner with two of his brothers, of the Lawrence

enlisting in the 13th Vermont regiment. After his term of enlistment expired he returned to the front as a soldier of the Army of the Potomac, where he remained for a year and a half, when he again enlisted in the frontier cavalry. When the war was ended Mr. Dewey came back to Montpelier and Mr. Cross, with whom he remained until 1886, when he started in business for himself. The Columbian block is a monument to his success and business integrity. He is one of Montpelier's esteemed citizens.

C. H. BALDWIN.

Jeweler, 8 State Street. The proprietor of this well known jewelry emporium is a native of Brandon, Vt., and married the trade there. He went to Rutland in 1881 and engaged with Marshall Brothers where he remained for



FRED BLANCHARD'S RESIDENCE.

building, and the Blanchard building, where the opera house is located, two of the most substantial brick structures in the city. The junior member of the firm, Mr. Harris, is a native of Plainfield, Vt., and came to this city some eight or nine years ago. Few concerns have contributed more to the commercial growth of Montpelier than F. Blanchard & Co.

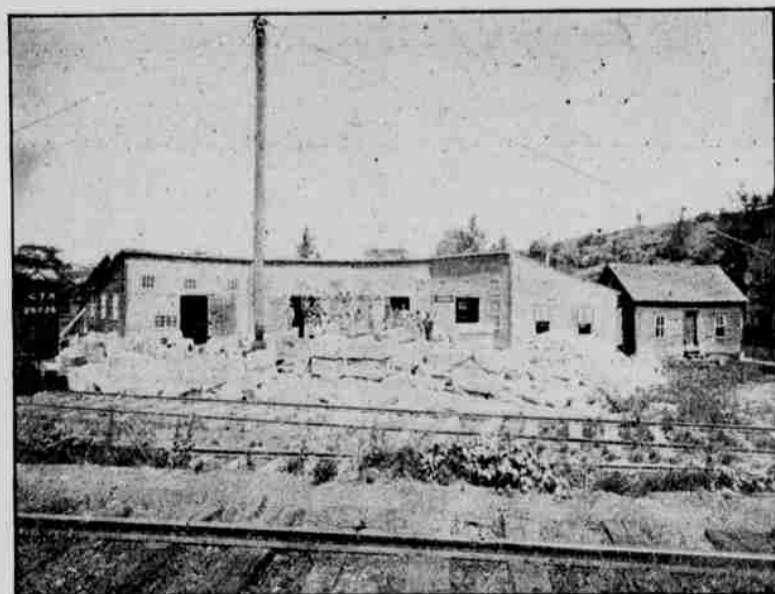
PETER G. DEWEY.

Groceries, Provisions, Flour, Etc., Columbian Block, corner Elm and Court streets. One of the city's substantial brick structures is that erected by Mr. Dewey eight years ago at the above location. It is thoroughly modern, but not more up-to-date than the interior arrangements, for the handsome fixtures, computing scales, cash registers and electric lights give the store an altogether inviting and metropolitan aspect. Besides handling a full line of groceries, provisions, and the favorite brands of flour, Mr. Dewey makes a specialty of Raymond's Plain Chop Java, which has many admirers among Montpelier's connoisseurs on teas. Then, too, he handles an attractive line of cigars, tobaccos and candles. Mr. Dewey came to Montpelier from Canada in 1883 and learned the baker's trade with C. H. Cross. After completing his apprenticeship he took an honorable part in the civil war,

R. M. FRASER.

Manufacturer and Dealer in Barre Granite Cemetery Work; Office and Yards in Burr Street. Among the manufacturers of Montpelier who have made a success of the granite business mention must be made of Robert M. Fraser. He came here in 1882 and was senior member of the firm of Fraser & Bradford until 1888, since which time he has conducted the business alone. He has large and convenient shops alongside the Central

Vermont railroad track and employs from twenty to twenty-five men. Much of Mr. Fraser's success is no doubt due to his skill and ability as a draughtsman, as he furnishes his own designs and estimates and has the cutting done under his personal supervision. His work has given the utmost satisfaction and orders

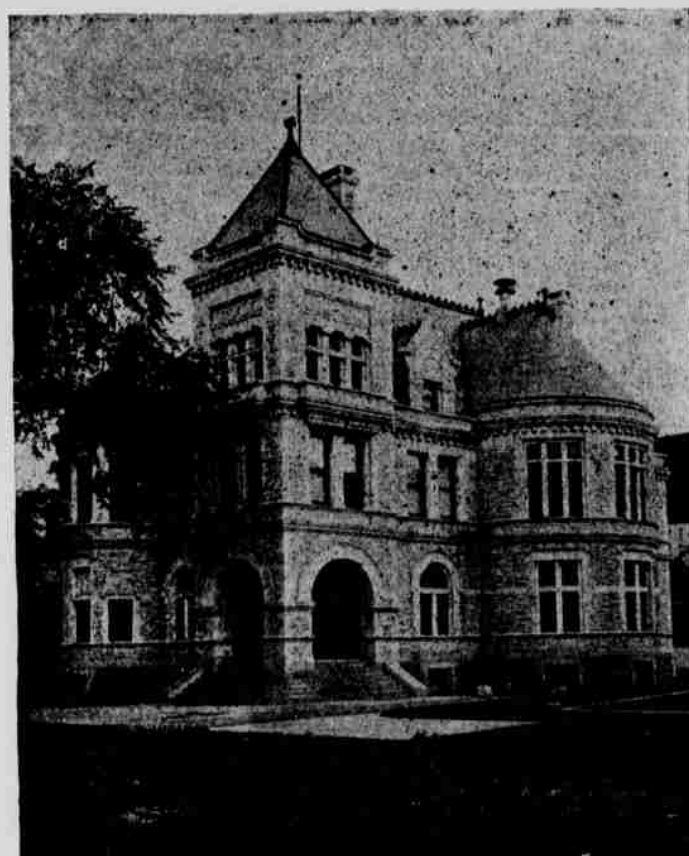


R. M. FRASER'S GRANITE YARDS.

have come so fast that he oftentimes finds it difficult to secure help enough to fill them. He is prepared however to furnish plans and estimates on any class of granite work and orders which he accepts are sure to be delivered on time. He has an excellent reputation for promptness and reliability, owns the plant he occupies and has all modern apparatus for its operation.

C. C. HOLMES.

Dealer in Meats, Provisions and Vegetables, 6 State Street. A great many of the residents of Montpelier find this a convenient and most desirable place to secure food of every day consumption. Since Mr. Holmes purchased the market last November, he has found his trade constantly increasing and proving in every way entirely satisfactory. He keeps a large supply of Western and native



THE POST OFFICE.

TAPLIN'S CORNER STORE.

Dry Goods and Ladies' Ready to Wear Garments. The very best location in the city of Montpelier is occupied by this house and the firm is so well known, that we need not mention the street. The business has been conducted under this name for over thirty years and has always enjoyed an excellent patronage. They occupy two floors, the first devoted to general dry goods, fancy goods, notions, hosiery and underwear. The second is utilized almost wholly for display of ladies tailor-made garments, suits, wraps, cloaks, skirts and furs. The stock is so large and varied that they can suit any taste or purse and a specialty is made of this feature of the business. Five polite and attentive salespeople are employed all the time and more in the busy season. The ladies of Montpelier find this a popular shopping place as they are always pleased to show goods and quote prices, knowing that they can meet any competition. Visitors from "Old Home Week" will find it to their advantage to look over their stock.

A. G. STONE.

Jeweler, 16 State Street. Mr. Stone has the distinction of having been the longest in continuous business of any one in this line in Montpelier. He started in 1872 at the corner of Main and State Streets and had to vacate when the Langdon block was built last year. He used temporary quarters for a time and then traded with the Savings Bank, taking the store at the above number made vacant by their removal. It was entirely re-



INTERIOR OF A. G. STONE'S STORE.

DOUCETTE BROTHERS.

Manufacturers and Dealers in Monumental and Cemetery Work. Frank J. Doucette and Alfred J. Doucette. Much of the celebrated Barre Granite is brought to the cutting sheds of Montpelier to be fashioned into symmetrical and handsome bases and shafts to adorn the burial grounds of the cemetery. Here hundreds of men are engaged at this



DOUCETTE BROTHERS' GRANITE YARDS.

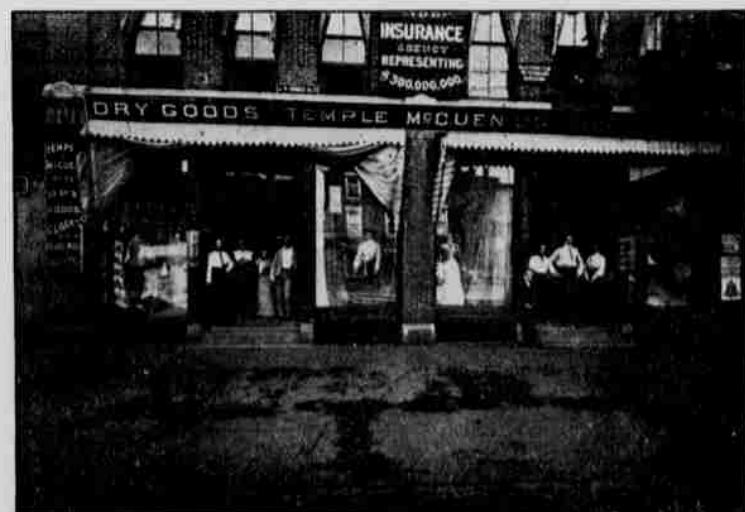
trade and the honors for production are divided between the two cities. The above named firm are to be classed among the leading producers and dealers in their work will compare favorably with the best sent out from the granite cities. They commenced business in 1887 and have grown and prospered to such an extent that they often find it difficult to secure a sufficient number of cutters and workers to fill their orders. They have excellent facilities alongside the railway that runs directly to the quarry, and use pneumatic tools and power polishing machinery. They are designers of many standard blocks of granite and furnish plans and specifications for anything that may be desired built from granite. They also give prompt attention to estimates and are in a position to meet any competition. They include both the light and dark granites in their work and can give equal satisfaction with either. The Messrs. Doucette are both natives of Montpelier, and are practical granite workers themselves, so that they can furnish the most intelligent plans and figures and any one contemplating placing an order for cemetery work does well in corresponding with them. They employ from a dozen to fifteen men, but all work is under the personal supervision of one of the members of the firm. The accompanying engraving gives an idea of their facilities and the monument is a sample of their work.

EDWARD D. HYDE.

Edward Delevan Hyde was born in Montpelier, May 9, 1844, the son of Richard W. and Sarah L. Hyde. He received his education in the public schools of the place, at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H., and at Bishop Hopkins School, Bennington, Vt. In 1865, Mr. Hyde became a partner in the firm of Hyde, Foster & Co., dealers in iron, nails, heavy hardware, lime, cement and flour. His father, the senior member of the firm, dying soon after. The business was continued from 1865 to 1876 under the title of Hyde and Foster, when Joel Foster retired and the business has since been conducted by Mr. Hyde alone. The old firm was one of the notable commercial houses of the town, having high repute and doing a large business throughout the region of which Montpelier was then the trading center. Mr. Hyde has maintained the ancient fame of the firm. Conditions have greatly changed, lines of transportation have altered the direction of trade, but the successor to the old association, which had contained two of the best known business men of the Montpelier of a former time, has adapted himself to the mutations of time and traffic and worthily maintained his place among the business men of the developing city.

TEMPLE McCUEN CO.

D. W. Temple and F. J. McCuen, proprietors, Montpelier. This is one of the largest and best stocked dry goods stores in the state. It was started in a small way twenty-five years ago by Mr. Temple, who afterwards had as a partner W. N. Leonard. Mr. McCuen



TEMPLE McCUEN CO'S STORE.

commenced as a clerk with the firm in 1886 and ten years later purchased Mr. Leonard's interest in the business. The house has made rapid strides during the past five years and have adopted the most metropolitan plans of doing business. In 1900 they doubled their capacity

and now occupy the entire ground floor of the Blanchard block having two wide and deep stores connected by archways and furnished with all modern improvements. Aside from a full and general line of dry goods they make a specialty of ladies ready to wear garments, skirts and suits in endless variety, cloaks and furs and are headquarters for muslin underwear and wash goods of every description. Both Mr. Temple and Mr. McCuen had had previous experience in this business before coming to Montpelier and employ the most up-to-date methods in all departments of their business.

T. S. BROPHY & CO.

One of the most enterprising and progressive exponents of the dry goods trade of Montpelier is the house of T. S. Brophy & Co., 16 State Street, which was originally established about thirty years ago by H. C. Webster & Co., the present firm having succeeded to the business in 1882. The salesroom is spacious being 2500 ft. attractively appointed, and the stock carried is particularly high in quality and comprehensive in variety. It embraces dry goods, dress goods, fancy dry goods, trimmings, ladies' furnishings, notions and small wares, and no other house in Central Vermont carries a larger or finer line of American and imported dress goods, silks, seasonable novelties, good etc. Indeed, this house has long been a favorite with the most discriminating ladies of Montpelier and vicinity, whose wants and requirements are equally well looked after here in the large commercial centers of the country. All goods are procured direct from first hands, and the prices named are as low as is consistent with quality. The house is managed upon progressive and up-to-date methods, with reliability and liberality, and every article furnished is guaranteed exactly as

represented. The trade of the house is drawn from this city and surrounding towns, and forms an important feature of the resources of Montpelier. Mr. T. S. Brophy is an experienced and trained dry goods dealer and an esteemed citizen, and he is supplying the demands of the market with fine dry goods in a manner that is creditable both to himself and to the good taste of his large list of patrons.

DR. SAMUEL M. KNAUSS.

Osteopathic Physician, 64 State Street. Dr. Knauss, who has pleasant parlors next door to Christ Episcopal Church is a native of Wilkesbarre, Pa., born March 11, 1853. He graduated from the high school of his native city and also from the Chester Military Academy at Chester, Pa. While preparing for a medical course at the University of Pennsylvania his attention was directed to osteopathy

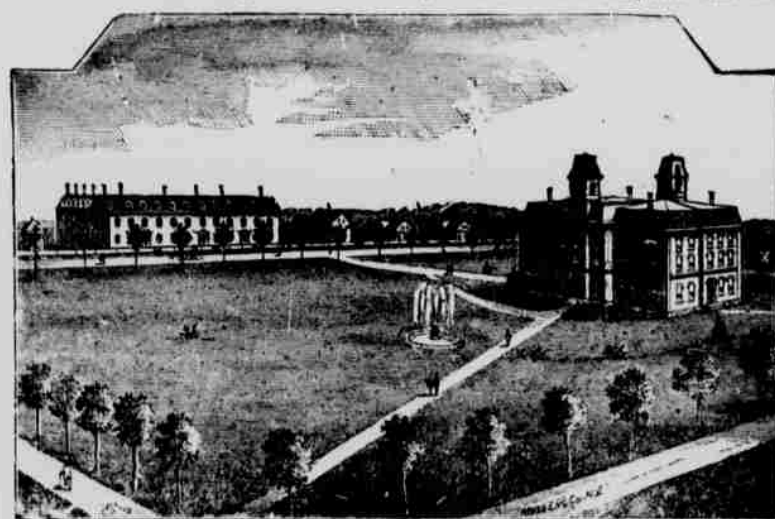


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and after a rigid investigation he decided to abandon medicine and devote his life to the new science. He entered the Atlantic School of Osteopathy at Wilkesbarre, Pa., where he was one of the first class. Upon graduating he decided that Vermont was his ideal state and made arrangements whereby he succeeded Dr. E. B. Beeman in a very lucrative practice at Montpelier. Osteopathy bases its claim for recognition on a system of therapeutics, the result of a scientific research of the therapeutical agents employed by all other systems of the healing art, associated with those discovered by Dr. Still of Missouri and elaborated by his followers into a system which is at once consistent with the Physiological laws of nature and one of the most valuable adjuncts offered to aid suffering humanity. Consequently he who stops to reason a moment, can surely appreciate the fact that in his wide range of therapeutical possibilities, where restraint is suffered on account of any breach of professional courtesy, there can be but one result, viz: A consistent collection of those principles, properly applied, regardless of any class or system to the betterment of the suffering humanity. Its value as a therapeutical agent has been successfully demonstrated.

CHARLES A. SMITH.

Manufacturers and Dealers in Monumental and Cemetery Work. 22 Main Street. Mr. Smith is a native of and has always lived in Montpelier. He started in 1873 to learn the trade of marble worker with Henry Cobb, who occupied the same shop where he is now located. He remained with Mr. Cobb until his death in 1888, when he purchased the business. His show room and workshop occupy one of the principal business blocks on Main Street and here he has the best apparatus for polishing and finishing work. He is also interested in the manufacture of granite and is thus in a position to make close figures on complete jobs whether at home or in any part of the country. He has put up more single pieces in Montpelier's "Green Mount" cemetery than any other firm, specimens of his work being found in nearly all the burial plots within a radius of fifty miles and notably the cemetery at Bradford, Vt. Here he erected the handsome Low, Blakeley and Prescott monuments and so satisfactorily was the work completed that he now

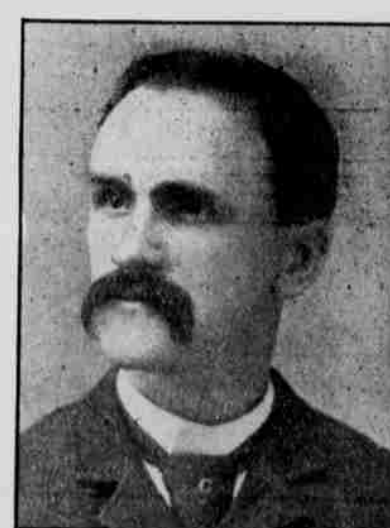


MONTPELIER SEMINARY.

besides they have operated the grist mill on Main Street for many years, and in 1874 entirely remodeled and rebuilt it. They utilize it principally for their own grining which largely consists of corn and oats. They have a large elevator and unload here hundreds of carloads of western grain during the year and make their shipping point for Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire. It requires the services of from twelve to fifteen men to handle the grain which gives some idea of the quantity sold. Both members of the firm are natives of Vermont, born near this city. Mr. Bailey is a member of the Board of Trade of Chicago where he makes his home, while Mr. Taft has charge of this department of the business. This firm are extensive dealers in flour and are selling agents for a number of the larger mills for this district. They carry large stocks and are always in a

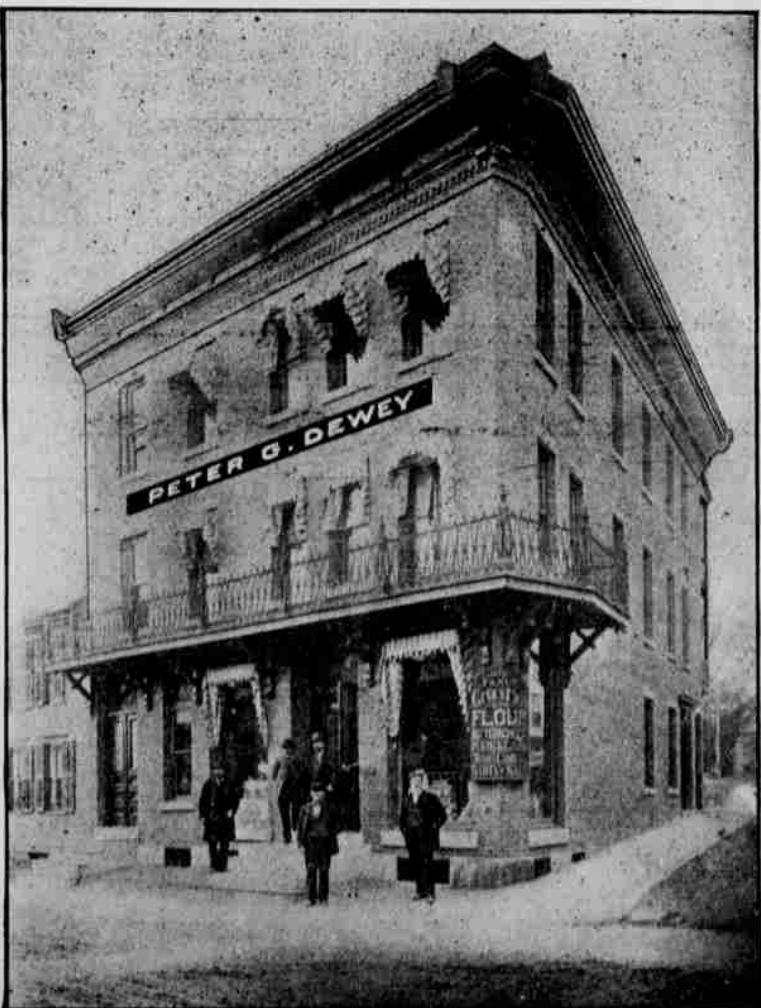
O. R. COLLINS.

Dealer in Carriages, Sleighs, Robes, Blankets and Whips, 54 State Street. At this repository there is always an excellent display of fine single and two-seated vehicles of the most modern pattern,



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solid rubber and pneumatic tired road wagons being the feature this season, but if there is anything better or more stylish, Mr. Collins is sure to have it. He has been in the business for twenty years and was located at Cabot before coming here in 1888. He has an excellent show-room in what was formerly old Capital Hall, and it is filled with the most salable goods in his line. His trade extends to a radius of 100 miles and aside from dealing in horse goods, generally takes orders for rubber or pneumatic tires to be fitted to first-class jobs.



PETER G. DEWEY'S BLOCK.